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COMPOSITE TUBES

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- (1) French Patent Document 2 599 667, published December 11, 1987. Although the reference is in the French language, the drawings are believed to be clear.

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- (2) European Patent Application 0 644 031, published March 22, 1995. This reference discloses an extrusion assembly for extrusion of a triple walled pipe.
- (3) European Patent Document 0 581 208, published February 2, 1994. Although the reference is in the German language, the drawings are believed to be clear.
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 4,911,778 for APPARATUS FOR FORMING PLASTICS COATED TUBE, By Barnoach, Patented March 27, 1990. This reference discloses an apparatus for forming a plastics coated metal tube comprising means for forming a continuous strip of metal into a U-shape and a forming sleeve for folding the strip into an overlapping tube.
- (5) European Patent Application 0 353 977, published February 7, 1990. This reference discloses an apparatus for forming a plastics coated metal tube comprising means for forming a continuous strip of metal into a U-shape and a forming sleeve for folding the strip into an overlapping tube.
- (6) European Patent Document 0 024 220, published February 25, 1981. Although the reference is in the French language, the drawings are believed to be clear.

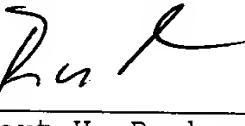
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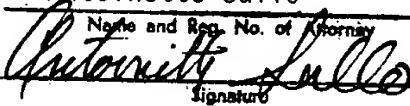
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